

Chan transcript, corrected by Chasnoff

Charles Mazuca, chief of constituency: ...fine. Or if a woman who's bisexual, that's fine. Even if she's bisexual, that's okay

Elisa Chan, councilwoman: Exactly...

Jeff Bazan, chief of policy: Anything goes...

Chan: So Disgusting!

Jeff: No morals and values. Pretty soon what's going to happen you know because like a lot of the liberals and like the, umm, pro gay folks, they say as long as it's between two consenting adults... You know that's... You know that's pretty wide you know... That can go for incest, and say it's an adult, an adult man and his adult daughter... 'Hey, they're consenting adults' you know, brother and sister, they're, as long as they're over 18 they're consenting adults.

Jackie Bolds, secretary: It's against the law.

Jeff: You know, they're gonna start...

Jackie: It's against the law.

Jeff: Yeah, and, and homosexual relationships used to be against the law, Jackie.

Jackie: But it's not against the law.

Jeff: It used to be.

Jackie: But it's not.

Jeff: Okay, and incest, you know...

Jackie: That's never going to be not against the law.

James Stevens, council aide: That's what they used to say about...

Jeff: The road that, the road that we're going, Jackie, incest and being able to marry animals, that's all gonna happen.

Jackie: It's not.

Jeff: Yes, yes!

Jackie: No.

Jeff: Yes, yes.

Jackie: No, church boy.

Chan: The trend is going to...

Jeff: Just like gay sex used to be against the law. In Texas it was a Constitutional Amendment...

Roger LeGrand, chief of communications: Until relatively recently.

Jeff: Until about, until about 2004.

Charlie: Crime against nature.

Roger: Sodomy.

Jeff: And the Supreme Court of the United States overthrew that.

Jackie: So they're gonna overthrow incest?

Jeff: Yeah.

Roger: That's next.

Jeff: That's next.

Jackie: That's crazy.

Jeff: That's next. It's between...

Jackie: Oh because it used to happen in the Bible?

Jeff: No, no, if it, no, if it's between two adults. If it's between like, two like... I have an adult sister. If her and I, you know?

Jackie: Didn't they do it in the Bible?

Jeff: Charlie has, you know, so...

Jackie: Incest in the Bible?

James: Technically.

Jackie: Yeah they did.

James: Technically speaking...

CW Chan: Yeah but legal and the Bible is two different things.

Jackie: Yeah, but he's doing the Bible...

Jeff: No I'm not. I'm just talking about, you know, civilized society...

CW Chan: Based on the definition, that could work...

Jeff: Yeah...

CW Chan: If two adults... legal adults...

James: There's also the... You could consider what people are going to consider an adult. If you keep on pushing these boundaries, they could push the age...

Jeff: Yeah, there's an organization out there that's trying to decriminalize sexual relations between...

Charlie: Men and boys.

Jeff: Adults and children.

CW Chan: I think they should!

Jeff: Decriminalize?

CW Chan: Oh decriminalize?

Jeff: Yeah.

(laughing)

CW Chan: I thought you said criminalize!

Jeff: No, there's an organization out there that's lobbying to...

CW Chan: Really?

Jeff: ... Decriminalize...

CW: That's horrible!

Jeff: Yeah, that's the way things work.

Charlie: National American Man Boy Love Association.

James: Yeah.

Jeff: That's exactly what is is.

CW Chan: What is...

James: Or "NAMBLA."

CW Chan: What is pansexual again?

Charlie: Uh, pansexual?

CW Chan: Pan- how do you spell it? P-A-N?

James: P-A-N...

CW Chan: What does that mean?

Jackie: You can look it up. Poly.

Jeff: It's the same thing. It's the same thing.

James: Pan? Is it? Pan sounds like pantheist. Someone who thinks nature is god.

CW Chan: Let me get my definition correct, because I'm very...

James: Yeah, something... Nature. Like they want to have sex with nature.

CW Chan: Oh...

James: That's what it sounds like. I don't know if that's it or not.

CW Chan: Oh...

(Unintelligible)

James: Chestnuts.

Jackie: Chestnuts.

James: Poison Ivy.

CW Chan: You know, to be quite honest, I know that this is not politically correct. I never bought in that you are born, that you are born gay. I can't imagine it.

James: People will tell you, people will ask you, "Are you born straight?" And that's the counterargument.

CW Chan: Absolutely! We are born with our sexuality. Everything else is behavior or preference, in my opinion.

Charlie: Pansexuality is when you are somebody who has sex with people who do not identify with sexual orientation. So they themselves say, see themselves just as...

James: That's pan?

Charlie: Yeah.

CW Chan: Say it again?

Charlie: If you don't call yourself, if you don't identify your sexual orientation as being completely a woman...

CW Chan: Uh huh?

Charlie: You know, you think of yourself as a, you know, a sexual... entity... without identity...

CW Chan: How can that be???

(Laughing. Unintelligible)

Charlie: ... then y'all can engage as pansexuals and that's all y'all.

CW Chan: I will say, "Strip down! What equipment do you have?"

(Laughing)

Jeff: That's what I'm saying...

CW Chan: I'm telling you!

Jeff: ... how creative can you be?

CW Chan: I'm telling you! Crazy! We're getting to crazy realm.

James: Believing that it's not a choice...

Jeff: That's what Obama wants.

James: ... is not necessarily politically incorrect. Your base is going to agree with that.

Charlie: It rejects gender binary.

James: Saying that homosexuality is umm... is a choice...

CW Chan: uh huh?

James: ... not born with it... It's politically incorrect in some circles, but I mean your base is gonna...

CW Chan: That's what I'm saying.

James: ... is gonna agree with it.

CW Chan: That's why I never would say that outside because they kill me. When I say that it's...

James: The newspaper will get to you.

CW Chan: ... behavioral, preference... They say no, you're born with it, but I never bought into that... How can you...

Jackie: Some would argue that they don't want to be gay.

Jeff: They say all this nurture stuff. Like, I read somewhere one time they said like little boys who are raised around a bunch of women, like they're raised by mom and grandma, they didn't have a strong male authority figure in their life, a good percentage of them turn out to be gay.

CW Chan: Well that's because of your influence.

Jeff: Well that's what I'm saying. A lot of it's nurture.

CW Chan: That's outside influence. That has nothing to do with you're born...

Jeff: Yeah.

Roger: There actually are biological arguments for why people are born gay. If you are the fourth child of...

James: Fourth son.

Roger: ... okay, fourth son, anything past that, the chances that you'll be gay increase by almost seventy percent.

James: There's an evolutionary argument that states that the older brothers will go off and hunt or fight in battle and if something happens to them, the younger brothers will have a maternal instinct, which is why they're gay, so they will take over the role as parent for kids that aren't even theirs. So, that's the theory.

Jeff: But again, that's nurture.

CW Chan: Yeah! That is all---

James: No, no, no...

CW Chan: That is not biological.

James: That doesn't turn the kid gay. I'm saying it's like the gay uncle theory so the gay.. the uncle is gay naturally.

Roger: The argument that, that I read in this paper, there's two arguments in this paper. The first one was that Americans can, with a ninety percent success rate, identify gay people by their face alone, which implies that there are some biological traits that are linked to becoming a homosexual.

Cw Chan: No, that's because they shave.

James: No, that's because the muscles in the face, but again that's a subconscious thing.

Roger: But the other thing...

Cw Chan: And also I think they could take hormone shots.

Jeff: Mhmm. Mhmm. A lot of them do.

Roger: Well in any case, the other argument that they made...

Jackie: What about the manly looking ones?

Roger: ... in that paper was that after your fourth son...

James: The Tim Tebows?

Roger: ... there might be a biological chemistry component, because all eligible females will be taken up by your first three brothers, so you're left with nothing.

Jeff: I never heard that.

James: But none of this is conclusive. It's all theoretical. It's really hard to make the evolutionary argument because they don't produce offspring themselves.

Roger: Well on the back end of that was that Americans were the only group that had had a success rate at identifying gay people on face alone. For whatever reason.

CW Chan: That's because of the dressing, not because of...

Roger: It was just their face.

CW Chan: How come I could never identify...

James: All the shots of gay people were like "Heeyyy!"

CW Chan: Okay anyway, so, so this...

James: That guy. That guy.

CW Chan: What do we do? I guess write an op ed. Write a... What do we do? What do we write?

Roger: I would just appeal to your base. No one's... This thing's gonna pass, I'm pretty sure there's almost nothing you can do to stop it so you might as well take the opportunity to connect with people who will potentially vote for you in an upcoming Republican primary.

Cw Chan: Well, but, but we can't be silent, right?

Roger: No, you should definitely not be silent. You should go down kicking and screaming.

Jeff: Become a culture warrior on this one.

Roger: Yeah.

Charlie: Because I mean, you can cite the CCR that itself it says the ordinances already exist. We're just putting them together and making it more umm, umm, more deliberate.

Roger: But yeah, just call it out for what it is...

Charlie: Say we don't need another layer. We don't need additional. It's just extra government. We don't need extra government. You know..

James: It's essentially the same argument you had for the ethics. You're adding rules that aren't necessary.



Roger: But this is more obvious political hackery.

Jeff: But I think the, but the obvious... But they get to score the most political points you have to like stand up and be anti-gay.

Roger: That's true.

Jeff: You get the most political points by standing up for traditional values with this one. It's not an economic argument. This isn't a small government argument. This is a social, cultural argument right here and this is how you... And you're going to score the biggest points by taking that stand.

James: I agree with that but to play devil's advocate, you could try to swing the conservative gay vote, who are, they're conservative in their beliefs but...

CW Chan: No, I don't think that's...

James: It would be way fewer points though.

Roger: But if she's, if you're in a Republican primary against anyone that you could conceivably be against, they're also going to be opposed to gay marriage. So that means that anyone who is gay, that's their only issue.

CW Chan: You know, I voted no when that was put on the Constitution about a marriage should be between a man and woman.

Roger: Yeah.

CW Chan: Okay? And I'm telling you, that's how... That's okay if you want... This is my philosophy, guys. Whatever you want to do in your bedroom, that's none of my business, but do not impose your view on other people, especially become a policy. And I'm, that's all. Because personally, I think it's just disgusting just to even think about. All the... definitions...

Jeff: But, but if you are, but if we are going to write something, I suggest it, to score the most points, it be, you know, a pro... It doesn't have to be anti-gay, but pro-traditional values.

CW Chan: okay, I'm for that, but I don't want to go against, necessarily... I don't want to beat up anybody.

Jeff: No, you're not going to beat up... That's what I'm saying. It's not anti-gay, it's pro-family.

Roger: And then the other thing I think you should do...

CW Chan: Maybe what we can do, can we maybe throw some questionable confusions like okay, this transgender... Because this definition is so broad, we don't want to go into detail, but if you, I look up, I had a... Maybe I say I was not educated on what transgender is about. I look up the, the Wikipedia, whatever, and I'm very surprised how broad the definition can be and it can cause a lot of troubles. What is the, would that, in other words start to have a lot of questions. Would we be discriminating someone if a person go to uhh, uhh, go to a female bathroom?

Roger: Yup.

CW Chan: Because the person that I am...

Jeff: I feel like I'm a woman.

CW Chan: ... I feel myself that I'm a woman...

James: That gets down to, umm, what's on the driver's license. In some states, you can get, if you have...

Jeff: In the state of Texas, identifies you with what you were born as.

James: By chromosome, right?

Jeff: It's about what you were born as. By the equipment you have at birth...

CW Chan: Exactly!

(Portion removed to protect the privacy of a third party.)

CW Chan: H-h-h-How are children... And by the way, this is politically incorrect. This is politically incorrect. I don't think homosexuals should do adoption. They should be banned by adoption. You're going to confuse those kids. They should be banned. If you wanted to choose that lifestyle, we don't want to discriminate you, but you shouldn't affect...

Jeff: I agree.

CW Chan: ... the young people. How terrible. Do we allow them to adopt? I think we do.

Roger: Yes. In the United States, yes.

Jeff: No, I don't think so, no. In France you do, but...

CW Chan: I thought they...

Jeff: Not here.

Roger: No. Homosexual...

(unintelligible)

Roger: I know of a homosexual couple who once adopted a child in California.

Jeff: I think that's a state...

James: I think that's dangerous territory for you though. I mean why are they confused? Is it just because they know "these aren't my parents?"

Jeff: I don't think we need to go into that.

CW Chan: No, no, I'm actually not going to specify... That's why I say, it's politically incorrect comments. I'm not making...

James: Yeah, but you're throwing it out there, I'm just responding to it.

Jeff: Just don't...

CW Chan: Yeah still, but I'm just telling you my own personal view that I don't believe they should be allowed to do adoption.

James: But you know, the trend is moving towards...

CW Chan: They gonna be confused. You see two men go into a bedroom. You see two women kissing. Is that not confusing? It's confusing. It is actually what you call, umm, umm, suggestive, for the kids to be corrupt. You know? What ever... Which is against nature. I'm telling you, anything that is against nature is not right.

Charlie: Correct. Yes.

CW Chan: Right? That two men can produce a, uhh, uhh, a kid? Two women can produce kid? No.

James: Not yet.

Jeff: But I say if you're going to write something, it's got to appeal to the people that are going to care about this issue most, which is going to be the social conservatives, so you need to write this from a social conservative angle, because...

CW Chan: Or do I be quiet?

Roger: No, don't be quiet.

Jeff: They're not going to buy for fiscal reasons, or smaller government, added bureaucracy. It's not going to fly with those people.

Roger: You should make those arguments too, but it should be...

Jeff: Yes.

Roger: The focus should be on...

CW Chan: Part of it.

Roger: Yeah. The focus should be on...

CW Chan: So just voting no is not enough?

Charlie: That other argument will be your consistency, you know, "As you know, I've always voted against, I've always wanted smaller government, blah blah blah, and this issue strikes not only those chords, but a much deeper chord in our constituency base. And I want to reassure you that I am not wavering on this topic. I am, I am for..."

CW Chan: Can you guys come up with a draft?

Charlie: "... I am for, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom..."

CW Chan: Can you guys come up with draft? Okay? Come up with draft with all the good, those arguments we talk as a speaking point, in terms of first of all we're addressing an issue that is not an issue. This is a national politics again at council level. This is another layer of bureaucracy, that we have not heard any discrimination. And then add in the family value in there. I'm gonna let you guys do that and I'll add in "the eyes on the ball." I'm still going to think...

Charlie: That's a good start...

CW Chan: I'm not going to do this.. I'm going to think about something. Maybe I'll use the industries, that we have a trend, that is, uhh, maybe I'll use that we have water rates and CPS rates to worry about. We have... But I still want to make the angle that, to tie in with national politic to council, but also our eyes are off the ball. Because I truly believe that.

Roger: And the police statistic that we found was pretty damning

CW Chan: And then maybe police, we get the police part.

Roger: Especially because we're talking about cutting police resources

CW Chan: Now, we do not want to attack any group. I mean, however they chose, I mean, that's fine. I'm respectful of their choices, right? Even though I don't believe that, they're free people, they can do whatever they want to do. But don't just impose... Don't just come back and say you're being discriminated.

Jeff: Say you don't understand why the Mayor is bringing San Francisco values to San Antonio. (16:36)